

APPROVED - March 9, 2006

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 9, 2006

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at the Administrative Office/Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, was called to order at 7:30 PM, by Chairman Paul Neves, with the following present:

Paul Neves, Chairman, Donald J. Costa, Vice Chair, Arthur DaCosta, Clerk,

Rosa Crowley, Linda Teel, Robert C. Thibodeau, Earl T. Wood

Also Present: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent, Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration

I. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Ashton School.

II. Approval of Agenda - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE moving New Business/Benchmark School Report to be next on the agenda. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the amended agenda.

III. New Business

A. Benchmark School Report - Ashton School - The Superintendent welcomed the students and teachers and explained that Mrs. Karbonik had been asked to come back to show their work. Mrs. Karbonik used a power point presentation to show their work with differentiated learning and interventions. They started with students who were reading 20% below grade level. Ms. Romanello passed around a binder with data and graphs showing Kindergarten phonological development. Ms. Bush brought up students to display their work. Mr. Carpenter shared a notebook about PE and Mrs. Carpenter spoke on Adaptive PE.

The Chair called a recess to view the projects on display at 8:20 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:36 p.m. It was noted that Ms. Crowley left ill.

IV. Chairperson's Report - The Chair reported he received a response from Representative Issa regarding the letter sent on the supplemental budget increase for the Beacon Charter School. He also reported he had a list of 38 scholarships available for seniors and he wanted to get that information to the public.

V. Comments from the Public - None.

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VI. Reports of Standing Committees - There will be a Rules & Regulations meeting on the 21st at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Consent Agenda - The Chair noted Personnel Recommendations would be removed from the Consent Agenda. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE removing the Police Report from the Consent Agenda

A. Police Report - Mr. Costa commented that every month there are more larcenies at the High School. He requested a meeting with the Resource Officer and the Principal. The Superintendent stated she would speak to Mr. Driscoll and provide a report to be presented at a future meeting and she will speak to Chief Silva.

On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the Consent Agenda without the police report.

B. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Open Session: 12/15/05, 1/12/06**
- 2. Special Meeting: 12/21/05**
- 3. Executive Session: 12/15/05, 12/21/05, 1/12/06**
- 4. Grievance Hearing: 12/15/05**

B. Maintenance Report

C. Enrollment Report

Mr. DaCosta made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Ms. Teel provided a second. On a roll call voted, it was VOTED 5-1 TO APPROVE the motion, with the following voting AYE: Ms. Teel, Mr. DaCosta, Mr. Costa, Mr. Thibodeau, Mr. Neves; NAY: Mr. Wood. The meeting recessed at 8:45 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:17 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session minutes.

D. Personnel Recommendations - The Superintendent presented the following:

1. The Superintendent requesting tabling the appointment of Vicki D'Augelli, Teacher Assistant at McCourt Middle School, effective 1/3/2006 (FTE: 1.0, Step: 1, Advanced Lane n/a, Co-pay 10%, budgeted). Mr. Wood made a motion to table. Mr. Thibodeau provided a second. On a roll call vote, the motion FAILED 3-3, with the following voting AYE: Mr. Thibodeau, Mr. Wood, Mr. Neves; NAY: Mr. Costa, Mr. DaCosta, Ms. Teel. The Superintendent WITHDREW the recommendation.

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2. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the appointment of Christopher Fernandes, Assistant Coach Girls Track at Cumberland High School, effective 2/10/2006 (FTE: n/a, Step: n/a, Advanced Lane: n/a, Co-pay: n/a, budgeted) and the appointment of Michael Pariseau, Assistant Baseball Coach at Cumberland High School, effective 2/10/2006 (FTE: n/a, Step: n/a, Advanced Lane: n/a, Co-pay: n/a; budgeted).

3. Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the revised date of 2/10/2006 for the retirement of Kenneth Ruscetta, Physical Education Teacher at Cumberland High School. Mr. Thibodeau provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was VOTED 4-2 TO APPROVE the motion, with the following voting AYE: Mr. Thibodeau, Ms. Teel, Mr. Wood, Mr. Neves; NAY: Mr. Costa, Mr. DaCosta.

4. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE removing from the table the request for sick leave by Barbara Bogosian, Speech Therapist at Garvin, effective 1/19/2006 to 3/13/2006. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the request

VIII. Old Business

A. Building Committee Update - The Superintendent reported the committee interviewed two companies, Gilbane and Dimeo, for

construction manager of Phase III of CHS2010. They will be interviewing three architectural firms Monday evening and on Saturday will score and select a final recommendation to be presented to the School Committee at the meeting on the 23rd. Mr. Wood reported Lockheed has received a letter from the town to proceed and they have already been on site to measure windows and doors. Mr. Hilton and Mr. Bruce are developing an RFP for architectural services for the nurses room and an all purpose room at Ashton and a revised library at Cumberland Hill, as well as an addition for the kitchen at Cumberland Hill. Mr. Neves noted Mr. Kenwood has requested a pile of dirt be removed from a practice field. Mr. Wood explained there hasn't been enough frost for the contractor to get on the field to remove it.

B. Search Committee Update - Mr. Rotella reported receiving applications for the Assistant Superintendent and the Principal at B.F. Norton. He will be putting together search committees.

IX. New Business, Continued

A. 2006-2007 Budget - The Superintendent reported on the planning process for this budget with the administrative team and that it is an inclusive budget. She felt it was their responsibility to make sure 100% of the students meet their goals and the financial plan meet 100% of the schools in the district. She commented on the new item, the Wellness Center, and that she is looking to include technology as a utility. It was noted past decisions were taken into consideration.

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The budget will have an impact on literacy, primary grades, graduation by proficiency and technology. Dr. Morelle explained she is looking to form a task force for future space utilization in early grades. The increase of this budget is 10.93%. Mr. Costa requested FTEs for line items. Ms. Teel requested costs by schools. The chair stated this was a well presented budget and noted he has put in a request to Mr. McGarry to work together on the major increase in medical.

B. Home Instruction Request - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTE 6-0 TO APPROVE the request for home schooling.

X. Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent thanked everyone for their indulgence on the budget and also thanked Ms. Kavanagh for facilitating the middle level teachers Saturday.

XI. Comments from the Public - Ms. Lambert thanked Dr. Morelle for the presentation.

XII. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports) - None.

XIII. Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion and/or Action Items Referred to in GLRI 42-46-5

A. Personnel Matters - Exception (1)

1. CTA/ICSE

B. Negotiations/Litigation - Exception (2)

1. CTA/ICSE

2. Central Administrators' Contracts

3. Non-Contractual Salaries

Mr. DaCosta made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Ms. Teel provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was VOTED 5-1 TO APPROVE the motion, with Mr. Costa voting against. Open Session recessed at 10:08 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 11:04 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session minutes.

XIV. Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE adjourning the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Harris

Recording Secretary

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